extent to which the purpose and objectives for which AIIMS has been established, have been achieved.

Request for AIIMS like hospital at Madurai

1895. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has requested for setting up of a research centre-cum hospital at Madurai on the lines of AIIMS at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the request has been acceded to;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) At present, there is no proposal for setting up of a research-cum hospital at Madurai on the lines of AIIMS, New Delhi, in this Ministry. However, it has been decided to upgrade Govt. Medical College, Salem in the State of Tamil Nadu under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

National immunisation programme

1896. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vaccinations provided under National Immunisation Programme in the country;

(b) when this programme was last reviewed;

(c) whether Government propose to include more vaccinations under this programme; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) Bacille Calmette—Guerin (BCG), Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT), Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Measles Vaccine are provided under the National Immunization Programme.

The National Immunization Programme was last reviewed during December, 2005.

Following vaccines are in the process of introduction.

1. Hepatitis-B vaccination was started in 15 cities and 33 districts in the year 2002—06, on pilot basis. It has now been decided to expand the vaccination to 11 States based on evaluated survey of DPT Booster dose above 80% by last quarter of this year.

2. JE-Vaccination campaign in 11 high-risk districts in four States (Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka & Assam) has been started in 2006 followed by integration of the JE vaccine in the Routine Immunization in these districts.

CAG report *on* Safdarjung Hospital

1897. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General pulled up Safdarjung Hospital for regularly paying nearly Rs. 50 lakh as transport allowance to doctors and staff staying with in a distance of one-kilometer from the work place;

(b) if so, what are the other irregularities pointed out by the CAG in regard to this hospital; and

(c) what action Government are taking against those who are responsible for misappropriation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) The Comptroller and Audit General in paragraph 6.4 of his report for the year ended March, 2005 (Report No. 2 of 2006) has observed that the Safdarjung Hospital, in contravention of the orders of the Government of India, irregularly paid transport allowance of Rs. 49.52 lakhs to various doctors/staff members who had been allotted government accommodation within a distance of one kilometer or within the hospital campus.

(b) The other audit objections brought out by the CAG are as follows:

1. Less recovery of license fees from Bank of Baroda which is within the premises of Safdarjung Hospital.

2. Avoidable payment of demurrage charge worth Rs. 23.41 lakhs and

3. Non-recovery of electricity & water charges from the Nursing staff.